## **REMARKS**

Claims 1 through 8 are currently pending in the application.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of September 11, 2002.

Claims 1 through 8 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,174,752. In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, Applicant elects to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejections in compliance with 37 CFR §1.321 (b) and (c). Applicant's filing of the Terminal Disclaimer should not be construed as acquiescence of the Examiner's double patenting or obviousness-type double patenting rejections. Attached is the Terminal Disclaimer and accompanying fee.

Applicant requests the allowance of claims 1 through 8 and the case passed for issue.

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## VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A marked-up version of the amended paragraph in the specification, highlighting the changes thereto, follows to clearly identify the amendments:

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 2 with the following:

This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/464,985, filed December 16, 1999, [pending] now U.S. Patent 6,174,752 B1, issued January 16, 2001, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/907,330, filed August 6, 1997, now U.S. Patent 6,051,449, issued April 18, 2000.

